

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony regarding strategic airlift and sealift imperatives for the 21st century.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on budget oversight on the Corps of Engineers program for FY02 on Thursday, April 26 at 9:30 am.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nicky Yuen on my staff be allowed floor privileges during the duration of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING THE EAGLES OF BOSTON COLLEGE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 76, submitted earlier today by Senators KENNEDY and KERRY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 76) congratulating the Eagles of Boston College in Massachusetts for winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Ice Hockey championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 76) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Statements on Senate Resolutions.")

HONORING NEIL L. RUDENSTINE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Com-

mittee be discharged from consideration of S. Res. 65 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 65) Honoring Neil L. Rudenstine, President of Harvard University.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 65) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 65

Whereas Neil L. Rudenstine is retiring as the 26th President of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on June 30, 2001, after 10 years of service in the position;

Whereas Harvard University, founded in 1636, is the oldest university in the United States and 1 of the preeminent academic institutions in the world;

Whereas throughout the history of the United States, graduates of Harvard University have served the United States as leaders in public service, including 7 Presidents and many distinguished members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives;

Whereas in recognition of his belief in, and Harvard University's continued commitment to, public service as a value of higher education, Neil L. Rudenstine worked to establish the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government to prepare individuals for public service and leadership in an ever-changing world;

Whereas in order to make a Harvard University education available to as many qualified young people as possible, during Neil L. Rudenstine's tenure, the University expanded its financial aid budget by \$8,300,000 to help students graduate with less debt;

Whereas Neil L. Rudenstine has made Harvard University a good neighbor in the community of Cambridge and greater Boston by launching a \$21,000,000 affordable housing program and by creating more than 700 jobs; and

Whereas Neil Rudenstine built an academic career of great distinction, including 2 bachelor's degrees, 1 from Princeton University and the other from Oxford University, a Rhodes Scholarship, a Harvard Ph.D. in English, recognition as a scholar and authority on Renaissance literature, and preeminent positions in higher education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. HONORING NEIL L. RUDENSTINE.

The Senate—

(1) expresses deep appreciation to President Neil L. Rudenstine of Harvard University for his contributions to higher education, for the spirit of public service that characterized his decade as Harvard University's President, for his many years of aca-

demic leadership at other universities, and for the grace and elegance that he brought to all he has done; and

(2) wishes him well in every future endeavor, anticipating the continuing benefit of his thoughtful expertise to American higher education.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Neil L. Rudenstine.

FARMER BANKRUPTCY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 256, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 256) to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States code is reenacted.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is finally turning its attention to retroactively renewing Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code, which protects family farmers and helps them prevent foreclosures and forced auctions of their farms.

Unfortunately, many family farmers have been left in legal limbo in bankruptcy courts across the country since Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code expired on July 1, 2000. Last year, the House of Representatives passed narrow legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12, but that legislation died in the Senate. I worked to adopt the House-passed bill last year to renew Chapter 12, along with a number of Democratic Senators, but the Senate Majority Leader never scheduled a vote on the bill.

This year, Representative NICK SMITH and Representative TAMMY BALDWIN introduced H.R. 256 to retroactively renew Chapter 12. Thanks to their bipartisan efforts the House passed the bill on February 28 by a vote of 408-2. I commend them for their leadership in securing House passage of this legislation.

Earlier this month, Representative SMITH and Representative BALDWIN wrote to me about trying to secure quick Senate passage of H.R. 256. I agreed that the Senate should act immediately to renew Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code and send their legislation to the President for his signature into law. I am glad the Majority Leader is finally taking up our request to take up and pass H.R. 256.

During the debate earlier this year on comprehensive changes to the bankruptcy system, some proponents of the controversial reform bill claimed that it must be passed to restore Chapter 12 to the Bankruptcy Code. I hope today's action to pass a stand alone Chapter 12 bill will make it clear to all that the

Senate does not have to pass a mammoth bankruptcy reform bill to provide family farmers with bankruptcy protection. I also hope today's action will put an end to any efforts to use Chapter 12 as leverage to enact controversial bankruptcy reform legislation. Our family farmers deserve better.

I strongly support H.R. 256 to retroactively give our family farmers bankruptcy protection if they fall on hard times. It is past time for Congress to retroactively renew Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code to provide a safety net for our nation's family farmers.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 256) was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 77, submitted earlier by myself and Senator DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 77) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 77) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Statements on Senate Resolutions.")

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations reported by the Foreign Relations Committee today: Paula Dobriansky to be an Under Secretary of State; James Andrew Kelly to be an Assistant Secretary of State; Andrew Natsios to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James Andrew Kelly, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Global Affairs).

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Andrew S. Natsios, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I strongly support the nomination of Andrew Natsios. Andrew has ably served the State of Massachusetts as a Representative in the State House and as Chief Financial Officer for the State. He is an outstanding choice for the important post of Administrator for the Agency for International Development, and I'm confident he'll serve our country with great distinction.

The Agency plays an invaluable role for the United States, bringing the hope of a better life to those in need around the globe through humanitarian aid and development projects. Its Administrator must understand the challenges facing the Agency both internally and externally. He must be a strong and effective manager. He must be committed to improving the Agency as an institution and have the ability to advance its development mission effectively. I'm confident that Andrew possesses the skills to accomplish these goals and that he will enhance the agency's valuable work around the world.

Andrew has spent much of his distinguished career working on these important issues—most notably as the Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Food and Humanitarian Assistance at the Agency for International Development, as Director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance and as Vice President of World Vision. Because of his outstanding ability, he was appointed as special coordinator to manage U.S. Government relief efforts during the Somalia famine.

Andrew has written extensively on the challenges posed by humanitarian and intervention assistance and disaster response to U.S. foreign policy interests. He has also lectured at Boston College, the University of Massachusetts, and Northeastern University.

Because of his strong management skills, Andrew was called in to Chair the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and to oversee the Central Artery Tunnel Project—the nation's largest public

project. We all agree that his management has restored credibility to the project. He also served as Governor Cellucci's Chief Financial Officer for Massachusetts and was responsible for a \$20 billion state budget.

Andrew has the vision, skills and ability to lead the Agency for International Development very effectively in the years ahead. His knowledge and experience, and his strong commitment to improving the agency will strengthen all of its vital missions.

I look forward very much to working with him as the Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 2 p.m. on Monday, April 30. I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 3 p.m. with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN or his designee from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Senator THOMAS or his designee from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 2 p.m. on Monday. Following 1 hour of morning business, we will begin debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1, the education bill. Cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to the bill on Thursday, today, with a vote scheduled to occur at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. An agreement on the nomination of John Robert Bolton is being discussed, and it is hoped that debate and confirmation can occur prior to lunch on Tuesday. Senators should be aware that there will be no votes during Monday's session. Having said that, the remainder of the week will be extremely busy in an effort to complete action on the education bill and hopefully the budget conference.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. LOTT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now